

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An upper of a shoe is provided with a first ventilating opening which extends through the inner and outer surfaces of the upper. A flexible protection sheet is disposed over the first ventilating opening and is fixed to the upper. A second ventilating opening is defined at least by the protection sheet for cooperating with the first ventilating opening so as to ventilate the shoe, and is staggered with respect to the first ventilating opening. The protection sheet prevents contaminants from entering the shoe through the first ventilating opening while still permitting effective ventilation through the first ventilating opening.